

**Advisory Committee for 9-1-1 Service Oversight
Committee Minutes
May 24, 2005**

In attendance: R. D. Porter, Acting Chairman; Mark James, Bob Asahl, Barbara Gulick, John Wade, Arie Crawford, Peggy Hulett, Toni Messina, Jim Wakeman, Steve Moody

Visitors: Odell Mentola, Dade County Emergency Services
Lori Sneed, Dade County Emergency Services

1. Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m. at the State Emergency Management Agency in Jefferson City, MO by Mr. Jim Wakeman. Mr. Wakeman opened the meeting with the introduction of Mark James, Department of Public Safety's new director, and Steve Moody, SEMA's new Operations Branch Chief. A roll call of members followed with each member introducing themselves to Director James, followed by Director James giving a brief history of his career. Peggy Loman announced her name is now Peggy Hulett as she was married last month. The visitors then introduced themselves.
2. Under old business, the minutes from the March 16, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Porter commented that the word "Acting" should be in front of his title as "Chairman" in the minutes. He also stated that on Item 13, both Gasconade and Audrain counties were very successful in passing the sales tax. No other changes were made. The minutes will be posted on the website for review.
3. Also under old business was a discussion on Mr. Porter's homepage map which lists all the that counties currently have wire line coverage 911 service, the counties that are in the process of getting 911 service, and the counties without any service.
4. New business started with the Curriculum Sub-Committee Report. The committee hasn't met since the last 911 meeting so there are no new minutes. An incident happened where a national training firm forgot to send their paperwork in and their certification expired. Initial approval and certification of a course is normally three years and after three years all providers are notified regarding re-certification 60 days prior to expiration date. The sub-committee's recommendation on 'how long an expired certificate can be expired before they renew it', is 90 days from expiration of the certificate – after 90 days, the trainer will have to resubmit all the paperwork. There was discussion of maybe putting expiration dates of certified courses on the SEMA website and maybe having trainers put on their advertisements that the course is 'state certified'.

5. The next item of new business concerned issue's John Wade and Bob Asahl had regarding rules or agreements which they feel need addressed in the 9-1-1 system. They feel there should be authority to do 911 addressing. The second being that once 911 addressing has been done, that should become the official address and they recommend that there be language adopted by present regulations or a new law saying all government entities are obligated to use the 911 addresses once they've been assigned. The third concern was the cost of sign changing associated with 911 addressing should be the responsibility of the entity that collects the tax, even if it's within a city. They also addressed the subject of solving problems or disagreements, i.e., between two cities, they should negotiate directly then seek arbitration. The last issue was to make sure all database information be held confidential and non-public. Mr. James inquired if any of this has been brought to legislature and stated he would have the Department Counsel look into this in terms of its potential legislation.
6. Another item of new business concerned an article found in Government Technology Magazine titled "FCC Requires VoIP Providers to Provide E911" which is the FCC ruling requiring Voice over IP (VoIP) providers to provide information to 911 centers. Each member was provided a copy of this article.
7. The next item of new business concerned the last attempt of legislation the committee tried to get thru the legislature after two failed attempts on statewide votes on providing a tariff or taxes on wireless 911. This bill was originally called Senate Bill 743, Senator Wayne Good from St. Louis was the author of the original version. Through some legal maneuvering, that Senate bill got merged with Senate Bill 1199 which was Senator Doyle Childers bill from southwest Missouri. Senator Childers had a similar bill and was agreeable to amend 743 to his bill. It did pass through the Senate but the House wouldn't pass it with the wireless 911 in it so it was amended and wireless 911 taken out so it would pass. Discussion was that the Committee has lots of sponsors, but the problem during this battle was Cingular Wireless. Cingular was very vocal and very opposed to any wireless funding that didn't give them half. They spent a lot of money to kill the bill. Mr. Porter stated that in his briefing at the Governor's office in March, the only reason this went to the legislature was because some claim it to be a Hancock Amendment issue. This is not a Hancock Amendment issue. It does not impact state revenues which is one of the first clauses of the Hancock Amendment. The State of Missouri is one of two states left that doesn't have this funding mechanism. The Governor could act on this in an executive order.
8. Mr. Wakeman brought up the fact that this committee has people on it with terms that have expired and those whose terms are coming to an end. Some have been reappointed, however, there are some who, like Sheriff Bill Ferrell who is no longer a sheriff so the Sheriff's Association needs to replace him.

9. Open discussion recognized the two visitors from Dade County Emergency Services, Odel Mentola and Lori Sneed, who stated their county is one of the sales tax counties for 911 in this state. Twice in the past ten months, the Department of Revenue has either overpaid them or underpaid them. In October of last year, his monthly income should have been about \$30,000 and DOR gave him a \$90,000 deposit. When he questioned it, they said everything was OK; however, in November and December they received no revenue. At that time his staff was he and one other person so it wasn't a big issue. As of this month, they have zero revenue. Revenue took their entire sales tax revenue (approximately \$30,000) and said due to the fact that a company in Dade County overpaid their taxes in 2002 and their portion is \$40,000 and he may not get an income next month. The difficulty is that his staff is now 14 people. Mr. Mentola stated he's here to get advice. He feels if DOR is not keeping any better records than what they are with them, something needs to be done. How should he recover? This was discussed and the Committee suggested that they keep going up the chain at DOR and ask their representative to represent them and maybe go there in person to get some answers.
10. The next open discussion item was Steve Sloan pointing out that he's been getting a lot of phone calls regarding NIMS and whether it applies to 911. Mr. Porter stated he has been getting a lot of phone calls on the same matter and his reply is until SEMA issues a ruling, don't worry about it. There is a bill for passage by the Governor which will make the state compliant with NIMS. This means we are still eligible for federal funding.
11. The next scheduled meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the State Emergency Management Agency in Jefferson City at 1:30 p.m.
12. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.